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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS COMMERCE AND TREASURY: VIENNA FOR
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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATED INFORMATION REFTEL DESCRIBING
FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR POZNAN FAIRS OF JUNE AND SEPTEMBER
1973. FACT THAT U.S. INDUSTRY-PAID PORTION OF FAIR BILLS
IS A HARD CURRENCY PAYMENT UNRELATED TO U.S. PL-480
HOLDINGS SHOULD RESOLVE ONE OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S
CONCERNS.

2. HOWEVER, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MINISTRY'S POSSIBLE
OBJECTION TO USG USE OF PL-480 ZLOTYS TO SUBSIDIZE A
COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL
BACKGROUND INFORMATION OUTLINING THE LEGAL CASE FOR USING
PL-480 FUNDS TO PROMOTE TRADE FAIR ACTIVITIES. MINISTRY
OF FINANCE TOOK CARE TO POINT OUT THE COMMERCIAL
CHARACTER OF THIS YEAR'S U.S. EXHIBIT AT JUNE FAIR AND
TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM THE EXHIBITS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.
DOES THIS NEW, COMMERCIAL ORIENTATION, WHICH BOTH WE AND THE
POLES ENCOURAGED, PROVIDE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WITH ANY
LEGAL BASIS UNDER OUR PL-480 AGREEMENTS FOR OBJECTING
TO A USG SUBSIDY OF OUR EXHIBITS FROM PL-480 FUNDS?
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EMBASSY NOTES THAT ZLOTY EXPENDITURES UNDER SECTION 104(M)

OF PL-480 WERE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR
IN 1959 AND SUBSEQUENT PL-480 AGREEMENTS WITH POLAND.
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